

SHAVINGS

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SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CALUMET CENTER

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Tryouts Concluded; Cast of Six Chosen

Last Tuesday evening at 7:30 the downstairs lounge, usually a place of casualness and friendly conversation, was changed into one of stillness. Within it a group of anxious, serious students were seated. The reason for this atmosphere: soon the final readings for the principal parts in Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" would take place. This would climax a long week of preparation.

Eventually the readings began. Several students read different parts in the different scenes. This continued until all present had been given a chance to read. Suddenly the director, Mr. Denver Sasser, declared, "I have made my decision for the cast." For at least a minute there was complete silence among the motionless students while Mr. Sasser named the cast. Included in this group are four of the theatre laboratory class, the secretary and vice-president of the freshman class. Mark Biel, George Nissan, Jerry Bercik, and Tom McCutchen, were the members selected from the theatre laboratory. Fran Condo and Bob Harris were also selected.

The characters in the Steinbeck play to portray them are as follows: Lennie, Mark Biel; George,

Tom McCutchen; Curly, George Nissan; Curly's wife, Fran Condo; Slim, Jerry Bercik; and Crooks, Bob Harris.

The four members of the theatre laboratory appeared together in last semester's play, "The Curious Savage"; and have had previous dramatic experience, prior to attending St. Joseph's College. Mark Biel participated in skits at Bishop Noll High School; George Nissan appeared in school plays in Iraq, his native country, and at Hammond High; Jerry Bercik, president of the freshman class, received his first acting experience at George Rogers Clark High School; and Tom McCutchen attended drama school in Chicago. Of the other two chosen, Miss Condo has had previous experience. She appeared in the plays, "Stage Door," "Good Housekeeping" and "Marriage Proposal" at George Rogers Clark; in the latter of these she had the lead part. The novice among St. Joseph's thespians is Bob Harris.

Faculty Tea

Lately there has been some talk about the teachers' teas. Familiar questions are "What are they?" "Where are they held?" and "What for?" They are just what the name implies. With some refreshments on hand, the teachers here at St. Joe's are getting together to discuss various subjects ranging from problems or situations here at St. Joe's to the present world situation. It gives the teachers a chance to get to know one another better and in an informal way. Even those who are interested in joining the faculty are invited in to participate.

They are held on Mondays at 3:50 and last for as long as our teachers want to talk (usually an hour). So far there have been about six of them this semester with a rather good turnout.

So if any of you students have poked your head in the downstairs lounge lately about this time, you know now why you couldn't go in.

Teams Vie Sunday

Well, it's finally here. A basketball game between the Center and Rensselaer. The game will be held in Rensselaer and everyone is invited to come. Bring your girl, date, wife and parents and come out and see our men battle the men on campus. The Center team will be playing an intramural team that has emerged the champions out of a field of over fifty teams so they should provide adequate competition for our fabulous team. So let's come out and back our Center team to victory. This is also a good opportunity for anyone who has not seen the campus and would like to do so.

The game will be on Sunday, March 10, 1963. Buses will be provided for the low cost of one dollar a person. The buses will leave the Center at 12:30 p.m. They should arrive on campus by 2:00 p.m. The game will begin at 4:00 p.m. so the time in between can be spent touring the campus.

Trio Represents Center At Dyer High School

by Sarah Regan

Students of Dyer High School enjoy the advantage of closed circuit television. In order to make St. Joseph's College Calumet Center known to these students at Dyer, Mr. Cronin, Guidance Counselor at the Center, Ed Latek and yours truly appeared in two telecasts on Feb. 28th. Mr. Cronin spoke to college-bound students about entrance requirements, courses of study available, the cost of going to the Center, and all of the technical information that would be of importance to prospective students. Ed Latek, President of the Student Council, spoke to the students about the advantages that the Center offers students who realize that they will be working to get funds for college courses. He suggested that these students could take advantage of the Center's unique calendar which lets the student complete his classes by April 30th, thus giving the student the opportunity to start summer employment early. The high school students were asked to consider going to school without doing part-time work. Ed also mentioned the social activities sponsored by the Student Council. For my part, I told the students about the friendliness of the Center, and the individual attention that students of the Center receive. In speaking of extra-curricular activities, I mentioned that the Fine Arts Club, Drama Club, Future Teacher's Club, Accounting Club and Commerce Club offered students the opportunity to learn more about their specific interests in a casual, social atmosphere. Finally, *Shavings* was represented as an unusual opportunity for any interested students to put their writing ability into practice, because *Shavings* is open to all students at the Center regardless of major field.

The telecasts were 30 minutes long, and in this time Dyer students were given a most complete picture of what it is to be a student at the Calumet Center. Questions were accepted via the studio-classroom intercom system.

I am sure that I am speaking, not only for myself, but for Mr. Cronin, our Guidance Counselor in saying that the entire day was most rewarding and enjoyable.



It has been cold lately, but it hasn't cooled the atmosphere around school any. Bernie Zenone is seen talking to — you guessed it — Mr. John Swanke. We are trying to help defrost Mr. Swanke, and we know he'll do a "slow burn" when he sees this candid shot.

Clubs Honor Irish March 17

The Commerce Club, the Future Teachers Club, the Fine Arts Club, and the Accounting Club are pooling their efforts in a jointly-sponsored St. Patrick's Day Dance. The dance will be held Sunday evening, March 17, from 8:30 to 12:30, at Woodlawn Gardens, 1200 E. 93rd St. (NE corner of 93rd & Woodlawn) in Chicago, Ill.

There will be 200 tickets available at \$2.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale outside the first-floor Student Lounge (beginning March 4th), at the door of the dance, and through members of the four clubs.

Music and entertainment will be provided by the Phil Aris Combo, fresh from Rush Street, and currently enjoying a run at Rigors, a well-known Chicago supper club.

The co-chairmen of the dance are Pascale Del Cotto (treasurer of the Commerce Club) and Miss Colleen Ward (president of the F.T.A.). Barbara Goldyn, Jim Repko and Narcine Sherptosky head up the publicity committee; Sandy Salczynski and Jim Smith, the refreshment committee; Christine Chandler, Lona Murzyn, Kathy Mullaney and Idajean Windell, the decorating committee. Tickets will be handled by Ilona Werner, Tom Kuchta, Kathy Boyle, Bob Siodack, Ted Warzinski, Ken Goes, Mary Kay Mathieson, and Maria Pavlovich.

College: Place For Women?

by Barbara Sichak

Approaching the problem of women in college from the feminine angle, the coeds at St. Joe's were asked what they thought of women in college.

All of the questioned co-eds felt that a girl should go to college. Several added, "Providing she has no commercial training." Others continued, "She doesn't necessarily have to finish college, but what education she obtains will benefit her and her family in marriage."

A majority agreed that some girls enter college seeking a husband as their main goal, but with some college education, a coed would "understand her husband better." She also would be able "to converse with him on an intelligent level" and "would be able to understand what he was saying."

Elaborating on the subject of marriage, others explained that the "social graces" and "personality development," as well as the knowledge a girl obtains in college, will make her a social asset to her college-educated husband.

Most of the young ladies agreed that a woman would need a college degree as security in case of an emergency and "for something to turn to in later life."

Almost all agreed that the best majors for women were education, sociology, home economics, and business. Others added that if a girl seeks a profession common-



Miss Sichak

ly known as a "man's profession" (such as medicine and politics), and is willing to work for it, she should follow it through. They continued by stating that a coed entering these professions will most likely have "to fight" her way through. And, if she should receive a degree in one of these fields, she will "not be respected by her male colleagues."

One young lady stated that a girl should go to college and, after receiving her degree should enter a profession—the profession of her choice. "But, when she gets married, she should quit working and should devote herself to her full-time job of wife and mother."

Strongly for the idea of college-educated women, one female student commented, "If a girl works for her college education, then by all means, let her put it to some practical use. If she sees a challenge in a so-called 'man's profession' and is willing 'to fight' her way up, then she should go ahead and pursue her goal. And, if a college-educated woman is the independent type, satisfied with working in her particular profession, and above all, happy, she should not be criticized for not settling down. Like everyone else, she should be free to live her life as she pleases."

Well, coeds, are you going to sit back and be content with being branded "Queen of the Kitchen Sink?" Are you going to complete four years of college just to use that sheepskin for a roadmap to find your way to suburbia? Will a cookbook be a challenge if your IQ is 120 or higher? Are you going to be pushed around, or are you going to stand up and state your Declaration of Independence?

United Nations: Its Faults

by Steve Biel

Some people say that the members of the United Nations, as well as non-member nations of the world are not getting a fair deal from the United Nations. They ask, "What has the United Nations actually accomplished? Sure, it has created organizations to help stop disease and prevent epidemics throughout the world. It has also created organizations to help the poor and needy people of the world. Everything has its good points. Outside of this, not many other things have been accomplished. Has it kept world peace? No, it has not. Only the potential atomic power of Russia and the United States has kept the world in one piece; each afraid of its opponent will not start anything which could lead to global war.

Many people believe that the United Nations lacks sufficient power to cope with the problems of the world today. If you doubt the validity of this statement, take a look at the situation in the Congo.

Look at the trouble in Laos and Cuba. Hungary belongs to this world organization. The people of Budapest revolted against Russian rule. The United Nations and the rest of the world watched from a front row seat as a rebellion for freedom was crushed. The United Nations did not take action against Russia because it did not have sufficient power to do so. It still does not have power today.

Several individuals have said that the United States supplies approximately four-fifths of the money that the United Nations receives from its members. If this is true, what benefits has our country received? We receive a vote in various different councils, such as the Security Council. If you gave about four-fifths of the money to a certain company or you owned approximately four-fifths of the stock of a certain organization, wouldn't you want your ideas to carry more weight and have more influence than some-

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Jim Barelli Asks I.U. Group Subversive?

There was an article in a Chicago newspaper about two weeks ago telling of the Monroe county, Indiana, prosecutor's objection to a student group at Indiana University. The prosecutor, Thomas A. Hoadly, asked officials at I.U. to withdraw recognition of the Young Socialist Alliance, because it is in direct violation of the state's 1951 anti-subversive law. This law prohibits any organization promoting a change of government by force or violence. I.U. recognized the group although it was not on the U.S. attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

The student organization is made up of 15 members. James Bingham, the secretary of the group, said the purpose of the alliance is "to bring Marxian society to American youth" and "declares political solidarity with revolutionary youth in all countries." Bingham claimed the alliance did not purport violent or forceful overthrow of government.

Hoadly announced that the 15 members of the alliance are "practically in a gun battle with the state of Kentucky" after finding fault with conditions in Harlan county coal fields.

From the article one gets the impression that Mr. Hoadly must be a dandy fellow. Here is a public official trying to defeat the forces of tyranny from within. But the conclusion I draw is the opposite. I find Mr. Hoadly serving the forces of tyranny (no doubt inadvertently) by condemning a minority whose only crime is their very existence. Hoadly thinks he is protecting democracy by ridding his county of this student group. This prosecutor is guilty of assumptions, like everyone is at times. "Marxian" and "young socialist alliance" produce the reflex actions of "revolution" and "Soviet Union." By such assumptions Hoadly has decided this poses a threat to the U.S. government.

Even though Bingham proclaimed "political solidarity with revolutionary youth in all countries" and "to bring Marxian society to American youth," drawing an airtight case for subversion and violence is impossible on such circumstantial evidence. Hoadly's exhortation of the alliance being "practically in a gun battle with the state of Kentucky" proves nothing. I would ask Mr. Hoadly why he used the word "practically." For, after all, it modifies "in a gun battle."

I think Mr. Hoadly is deceiving his constituents by trying to come to a predecision for them, in hopes that everyone will accept it as

Constructive Criticism

by Cheryl Marz

One of the basic rules of good journalism is never tear something down unless you can build it back up again. In other words don't criticize a person or institution unless you have a solution for the problem. There are many students here at St. Joseph's who would do well to take this rule as a personal matter.

We are continually hearing about how weak our student newspaper is; but we have yet to hear a suggestion as to how it can be improved. We hear scoffing and many wisecracks, but nothing constructive. If you (and I mean you personally) have a suggestion or constructive comment, let us know about it. Don't stand around criticizing us. Let your ideas be known where they'll do some good. Do something about it by writing to us.

The same holds true in regard to criticism of instructors. Your instructor is not living up to your ideas of what he should be, don't give him a tongue lashing behind his back. Talk it over with the Scholastic Committee representative for your class. Or could it be that you feel that you have to have others in your corner before you act. If this is the case, maybe you really have no case at all!

Maybe you're not satisfied with the way the Student Council is carrying out their job. If so, go to a Student Council member and let the members know. Stand up, open your mouth, and say what is on your mind. This is not simply a right; it is a duty. How can you expect people to read your mind? They can't. Your good ideas won't do anyone any good unless you let them be known. When something doesn't suit you, say something about it in circles where it will do some good.

DON'T FORGET

March 11—Student Council election petitions must be in.

March 17—St. Patrick's Day Dance

March 19—Feast of St. Joseph

March 18—Class elections begin

March 25—Club elections begin

valid. And since Prosecutor Hoadly finds reification a responsible action, I thought I would project little farther the realities he has made out of his personal fantasy. If the "violent" and "subversive" Young Socialist Alliance does come to power, then Mr. Hoadly had better expatriate himself; I am pretty sure he would be arraigned before a kangaroo court and summarily ordered to be shot at the following sunrise.

Letter to Editor

Mr. Mike Berilla:

In your hastily written reply to my suggestion that the volleyball game held between the Freshman guys and girls was not all it should have been, rule-wise, you suggested that the "magnificent athletes" and myself take a 50 mile walk if we still objected to the "game."

We do still object. And we do intend to take "the walk." The question is: Are the big strong men of St. Joseph's Calumet Center, Freshman class guys, going to allow us, the members of the weaker sex, to walk alone?

Mary Ryan

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To those who hold a grudge,

In the past few months there has been some smoldering resentment on the part of some upperclassmen toward our freshman class. It is the opinion of certain people that the freshmen are a little arrogant, and appear to believe that their little "clique" is the only group that can accomplish any achievements at the Center. Well, some of these stories may be true, but I want to say that in my opinion there is another side to the freshmen that many people have failed to notice.

It was very obvious that the freshmen put out a "do-or-die campaign" to win the Ugly Person Contest, and thus collect money for the March of Dimes. They solicited money for their candidate the hard way, by begging people to contribute anything they could find in their pockets. They received no large donations, and took no funds from their treasury. They may have "conned" the students and faculty out of their last red cent, but they did it by contributing a lot of their own precious fun and study time. Yet, for all their work, the freshmen lost the contest to the juniors, who held back their funds till the final minutes of the contest.

Now, the freshmen worked hard and wanted to win, and they were undoubtedly very disappointed when they lost. But when the winner was announced at the Student-Faculty game, the first people to give their congratulations to the juniors were the freshman class officers and their "Ugly Person" candidate. In fact, they went out of their way to be good sports about the contest. I can remember being congratulated by only one other person, and she was

a junior herself. I heard grumblings, but they were not from the freshmen, but from the upperclassmen.

All I can say is that the freshmen put out their best efforts to win the contest, and their best manners when they lost. To me, this is the sign of real sportsmanship. We should be thankful, as upperclassmen, to have a group of competitors of this caliber at St. Joe's. Maybe we should all take another look at our "Class of '66," this time through unprejudiced eyes.

An open-minded junior,
Mary Stokes

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Dallas 28, Texas
2/13/63

Dear Father Joe,

We just received "Shavings" and that picture on the front page really threw me! It upset me very much.

I was so glad it was folded inside. I wouldn't want this non-Catholic area to have that much more to hold over our heads by seeing a picture with such poor attendance at Mass by students of a Catholic College in the Midwest—the Midwest is Catholicism personified in this country. This is a very poor showing for it.

I read all the excuses in the previous edition for the non-attendance at Mass—only those in class have the excuse that is valid.

Classes should be scheduled to make it possible for more Catholic students from a Catholic College to attend daily Mass as often as possible.

A survey should be made among the students how many attend daily Mass someplace!

It should be encouraged by every priest on the faculty—posters should be made! Anything to get better attendance.

I certainly wouldn't want my sons to attend Catholic College but not daily Mass—what better way to complete a day other than sometime during that day to attend Mass and receive Our Lord.

If one reason is the inconvenience of Immaculate Conception and the walk to it, then I strongly urge something be done as soon as possible to make a Chapel with several daily Masses available to the student body.

If in a Catholic College, the greater percent of the Catholics of the student body don't realize the benefits and advantages of daily Mass, where else?

International Club Expands Membership

by Robert Figahs

With its best showing to date, the officers of the International Relations Club feel that a great deal of progress was made at the last meeting. Heading the list was the decision to make the I.R.C. an existing institution as of that date (Feb. 26, 1963), in spite of the apathy shown by too many history and political science majors. It was decided by all those attending that the interested will not wait forever for the disinterested. They feel it is entirely the latter's loss, and indeed a measurable one.

In putting the I.R.C. into effect, a constitution was presented at the meeting; it was read and discussed thoroughly, with only minor changes being made. It will be presented to the Student Council within the coming week. What may be termed a "vote of confidence" was given to the temporary officers by all those present, giving them official recognition in their positions until the next elections are held. They are: President, Robert Figahs; vice-president, Lawrence O'Mara; secretary, Alicia Gonzales; also elected to the newly-established Policy Committee were Frances Lysaught and Tom Wontorek, with one position left open. This group will have a great deal to say about what is planned for, and discussed at, each meeting.

One other major decision was reached at this meeting; it was decided that history and political science minors may be eligible for club membership. Heretofore, only majors in the above two fields were allowed to join. The members felt

The Lord knows we need Catholics with strong beliefs and good practicing Catholics—not just Sunday Catholics. And these boys and girls are our future!

Some of us have to wait for other ways of having our eyes opened, but these Catholic College students have opportunity at their door.

I pray God there is better attendance soon—and not just during Lent.

Cordially,
Mrs. Justin J. Gutting

that students with minors in these fields would add a great deal of impetus to the club.

The officers and members would like to take this opportunity again to invite history and political science majors, and the recently eligible minors, to support their own organization. And it is your organization since only you gain anything from it—except, of course, S.J.C.C.C. Now is the time to put into practice what you have learned at S.J.C.C.C. and/or any other source of knowledge. Join the International Relations Club, Tuesday, March 12; and SPEAK OUT! The time and room number will be posted on the bulletin board.

At the next meeting, different formats for discussion will be on the agenda. It is the members' hope that this meeting will witness the club's largest turnout. Don't be as those around George, but be George! Make your knowledge efficacious; help others to expand while you expand yourself. Don't forget: next meeting Tuesday, March 12. Join the International Relations Club and SPEAK OUT!

NOTICE

The retreat attendance was 2½ times greater than that of last year.

This is most encouraging and inspiring. It could, and should, be bigger and better next year.

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"The Virgin Of the Rocks"

by Roberta Gabrys

The painting "The Virgin of the Rocks" by Leonardo da Vinci fits in perfectly with our spiritual thoughts and contemplations during this Lenten Season. The serene and prayerful countenances of the Virgin and the Child can be readily paralleled with our inner feelings and thoughts. This scene is symbolical of our souls which—though rough and foreboding at times—after long, prayerful meditation become pure and beautiful.

Leonardo, who was born just at the middle of the fifteenth century, lived nineteen years into the next one. His scientific knowledge exceeded that of any other man of his time, but his art turned inward in such a way that even a serene picture like "The Virgin of the Rocks" contains "the germ of first doubt, questioning the assumption that objective investigation could infallibly reveal man's inner nature."

All the hundreds of interpretations offered for "The Virgin of the Rocks" accept its air of mystery. Any explanation must begin by relating the concept of God to the concept of a world created by natural forces. The Virgin and child symbolize man's need for a faith to reassure him in a world that he cannot explain, to give point to an otherwise bewildering existence.

Leonardo's chief concern, however, was with cosmology, the fundamental causes and process in things, the whole problem of creation, existence and life, which still occupies philosophers and scientists and remains unexplained. He refused to accept the thought of the Renaissance that had been based on the premise that the world was a rational place whose secrets need only to be ferreted out systematically to uncover its inner order. "But Leonardo, who ferreted the secrets out as no one did before, left us with the realization that they lead eventually not to clarification but to mystery."

Do You Remember?

by R. Harris
ONE YEAR AGO:

Margaret Frechette and Denver Sasser had the leads in the three-act production of "Blithe Spirit." "Blithe Spirit" was presented by the Fine Arts Club and was held on March 24 at the Whiting Community Center.

Mr. John Geffert was the main speaker at the Fine Arts Club's March 8 meeting. Mr. Geffert is make-up man for the St. John's Marion Theatre Guild.

St. Joe's presented a community cultural series featuring 3 movies: Henry V, Cyrano de Bergerac, Oliver Twist.

Student opinion on the space trip of Lieutenant Commander John Glenn were mostly that they were glad everything went along "A O.K."

Mardi Gras Held At Sherwood Club

Well the freshmen did it again! "A Night in New Orleans," the final dance before Lent, drew a tremendous amount of St. Joe's lads and lasses. The Sherwood Country Club, Schererville, was the scene of this colorful affair. The club was decorated with an overabundance of colorful balloons and decorations which added to the "New Orleans" theme. The snacks, which included hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, along with various beef and ham chunks, were handsomely decorated with frill picks. An extra-added surprise, Yiddish Shishkabob, was also featured.

A few of the St. Joe's students had a difficult time finding the club. One student got so lost finding the club that he ended up in Wisconsin! (He said that it was snowing out there.) Another lost student said he saw penguins! Smart-alecs! All in all, the event proved relaxing (ha!) and everyone who attended this activity had a ball!

MEET THE FACULTY

Father Joseph Semancik Directs Catholic Charities

Education and social work are the primary concern of Father Joseph Semancik, M.S.W. Father's work in the educational and social fields is complemented by his two sisters who also participate in these two important and necessary fields.

Father was born and raised in Whiting, Indiana. Saint John the Baptist, Whiting, was the stepping stone for Father's Catholic education, while Bishop Noll, then known as Catholic Central, helped pave his way into the seminary. Father attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Fort Wayne, and Saint Meinrad Seminary, Saint Meinrad, Indiana, when he obtained his B.A. in philosophy.

For five years Father Semancik resided as assistant at Assumption Parish, East Chicago. During this time, he also taught religion at Bishop Noll.

Father obtained a master's degree in social work from Loyola University, Chicago, in June 1960.

He officiated as the Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities until May 1961. In this year he became Director of the Catholic Charities, which is the position he now holds.

In the fall of 1961, Father joined the faculty of Saint Joseph's College Calumet Center. Since then he has taught introduction to social welfare, American family system, and American minority groups.

The Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary now utilizes most of Father's time. This worthwhile organization is comprised of four main departments.

The Catholic Family Service which handles such matters as adoption, foster homes, juvenile delinquency, marital and personal counseling, and teen problems is the first department. In 1956 this department also helped the Hungarian refugees just as it is now helping the refugees from Cuba.

The newest department is the DePaul Salvage Store in Gary.

Second-hand items are collected and sold to all. If someone is referred to the department by a Catholic Charities worker, the necessary items are given free of charge.

The Vincent DePaul Society comprised of about 80 men is the third department of Catholic Charities. This is a purely voluntary organization which does charitable works for the needy, aged, and sick of the Calumet area regardless of race, color, or creed. Father feels that the Catholic Charities can do a lot more in this field of endeavor.

A well-known activity, the American Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund Drive, is the fourth department of the Catholic Charities. During the fall, clothes are collected and sent overseas to needy people. Money is collected in the spring for the same purpose. Father Semancik said, "This is a program of which every American Catholic should be proud."

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Seymour Doolittle

Last week while taking a break in the downstairs lounge from the grind of watching all of you taking mid-term exams, a group of students was overheard discussing many ideas for various adventurous outdoor activities. Members of the group were Kathy Shatkowski, and Musketeers, Paul Milak, Ed Staszinski, and Tom McCutchen. The discussion started when Tom suggested a fifty-mile physical fitness hike between various colleges in the area. While considering this Paul thought of an even more enduring contest, a cross-country relay from New York to Hawaii. However, after mulling this over, the guys decided to scrap the idea—because it was pointed out that no one had walked on water for almost 2,000 years.

Other "brainstorms" for adventurous souls included riding a bobsled which was being pulled by a fast-moving jeep down a winding snow-surfaced mountain road and "hitching" on roller skates behind a car which was traveling on a highway with holes and ridges in it. The previous word jeep reminded Ed of the Army and it was suggested "borrowing" a tank from the U. S. Army site in Chicago and driving it down Indianapolis Boulevard.

As the three fellows planned their program of adventures, Kathy who up to this time had been listening wide-eyed, was asked for her opinion of the schemes. She sat up stiff, placed her hands firmly on her lap, and said in a calm voice, "You guys is kooky!"

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The Mystery of Lent Roving Reporter

by Mr. Donald Brinley,
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

"We beg you, Lord, make us fit to offer these gifts, with which we celebrate the beginning of this august Mystery." (Secret prayer: Mass of Ash Wednesday.)

Well, what is the august mystery we have begun to celebrate? It is the mystery of our salvation by God in Christ. But salvation from what? From the evil one to whom we are in bondage through sin. Salvation for what? For new life, for loving communion with God. And how? Through Christ, and with Him, and in Him.

The central events in this salvation mystery are Calvary and resurrection, which we will celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday before dawn, in the watching service. But first we celebrate the mystery of Christian penitence during the weeks of Lent. If we are to enter into the mystery of Christ dead and risen again, we must first weaken the hold that the evil one has over us by sin and its effects. We are to pray, to fast, to give alms—to purify ourselves for that supreme act of self-oblation which is Calvary, in order to experience at new depths the effects of Christ's resurrection on Easter. This we do in every Mass, of course; but we do it in a special way, each year, in the liturgies of Lent and Easter.

Mid-term; an impromptu theme, the exam. Topic: a quote of Old Hickory's, "Equality of talents, of education," or "wealth cannot be produced by human institutions." Then inspiration! "Vive la inequlite," she wrote. "How would it be if we were all as talented as Jacqueline Kennedy; as educated as Adlai Stevenson; and as wealthy as Nelson Rockefeller? Variety is the spice of life and what a very unspicy life we would have without it!"

Modern research reveals that the author of this passage was famed feminist Barbara Sichak on the occasion of submitting a mid-term theme for Mrs. Stiller's English rhetoric exam. Future critics may discover symbolism in this passage. Robert Frost recently termed such probing "tommyrot!" Barb will settle for the symbol "A," however!

Congratulations to Frank Giglio, of Chicago, for his recent primary victory in Calumet City.

This week the Roving Reporter asked the students of St. Joe's, "What do you dislike most about St. Joe's?"

Jerry Bercik, frosh: "The student apathy around this place would disappoint anybody. I think this problem would be remedied, but it seems that this will never happen because of the disinterest in the school and its affairs. Those who always complain about the activities of the Student Council fail to support its endeavors. These are the people who are, in themselves, not worth the trouble to be represented by the Student Council."

Rich Pachoski, junior: "People who run around asking questions."

Tom Cardis, senior: "The weight and importance placed on final exams."

Paul Milak, junior: "People who don't turn their articles in on time."

Mary Ryan, frosh: "People who don't back student activities. Hike."

Julian Perez, senior: "Dirty lounge."

Kathy Shatkowski, soph: "Not enough room to hang your coats or put your books."

Mr. Alec Lazur, Associate Professor in sociology: "Inconsiderate people."



Optical illusion? No, your vision is correct. Fred Green recently brought his huge dog to school and the dog posed for several pictures. Mary Stokes stands 4'1" and the dog, as you can see, is almost as tall, sitting.

Father J. Aumann Conducts Retreat

The retreat master for St. Joe's students was Reverend Father Jordan Aumann, O.P. The retreat was given on the second day of Lent from 9 to 4. Full-time students were required to attend; all others were cordially invited. The day of retreat helped the students and faculty who attended to prepare for the holy season of Lent.

One of the many thoughts discussed by Father Jordan Aumann during the retreat was the concept that "the best way to show God how much you love Him, is by showing how much you hate sin."

In addition to being a well-known retreat master, Father Jordan Aumann is also an author, editor, lecturer, founder of the Spiritual Institute, and founding editor of the Cross and Crown Series of Spirituality.

As an author Father Jordan Aumann's latest work is *The Theology of Christian Perfection*. The book is published by Priory Press and is an adaptation and revision of Father Antonio Rogo's Spanish classic.

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Cooking With The Greek

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Dear Readers:

I have heard many of you inquire as to how you can get your letters delivered to me. Write your letter and give it to me personally, or leave it in the Shavings mailbox, which is located in the office. Thank you!

Now then, I received many letters from St. Joe students over the holidays. The questions ranged from "How can I get my boy friend to notice my beautiful left ear-lobe?" to "How can I get my girl friend to notice my beautiful left kneecap?" To the readers of this column, questions like this may seem ridiculous. This is not ridiculous! THIS IS ABSURD! No, really, if there is something which is bothering you, feel free to write it down, even if it's on a piece of old Kleenex, and give it to me. I will appreciate it greatly. (The question, that is.)

Dear Franceska:

I don't believe that you are a woman. You seem to take the side of the men all the time. If you are a woman, prove it, by meeting me somewhere today. You pick the time and place.

Yours readily,
I. M. A. Pessimist

Dear U. R.:

If you would like to see me, just put yourself in the Shavings mailbox today at 12:00 p.m. If delayed, be patient! One of the members of the Shavings staff will help you out of the mailbox if you start getting pestle (I mean restless).

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Engaged

Paul Milak, a junior English major from Chicago, recently announced his engagement to Miss Mary Sheila Sullivan. A resident of Chicago, Miss Sullivan is a 1961 graduate of Mother of Sorrow High School and is presently employed in Chicago. Mr. Milak is an alumnus (class of 1960) of Mendel High School.

No definite wedding date has been set by the couple.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Miss Sullivan and Mr. Milak on their engagement.

Dear Franceska:

Someone told me that you played "Little Red Riding Hood" last week. Is this true?

I. M. Nosy

Dear Yes You Are:

That's ridiculous. I bet on "Snow White" and lost \$50.

Dear Franceska—

I have a problem! 4 & 3. How much is it?

(Signed) Mixed Equation

Dear Mixed Equation—

That problem is a problem. I consulted my 850 mathematicians and they could not find the answer. I will list it in the confidential part of my column!

Dear Franceska—

I am 87 years old. I have met a girl who is 86 years old. We are freshmen at St. Joe's, and would like to get married. We would like to know whether we should wait and obtain our degree or get married.

(Signed) Determined

Dear Determined—

Wait for what?

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United Nations . . .

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one's who owns or gives very little? The same line of reasoning applies to our relationship with the United Nations. If the United States gives four-fifths of the money to this world organization, our country should have more influence. I am not saying that our nation should exploit the United Nations for its own purposes. If we had more influence in this organization, we could help create a more stable peace.

You may say, "So what! What does this have to do with me?" The answer is simple. You are a citizen of the United States, and it is your money that is being sent to the United Nations.

Guess Who . . .



These two little sisters hail from Hammond. From a family of thirteen, the girls are Dean's List students. Both are graduates of Noll High School, Hammond.

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